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House Resolution

A resolution designating March 30, 2001, as
"Florida Doctors' Day."

WHEREAS, often expending long, unpredictable hours while endeavoring to balance the conflicting demands of their professions with the need to be active, positive participants in the lives of their families, physicians devote themselves daily to caring for the health and well-being of people in all segments of our society, and

WHEREAS, first observed in 1933 by a group in Winder, Georgia, as a tribute to their physician spouses, Doctors' Day also commemorates the first administration of anesthesia by a physician in 1842, and, as an indication of the high regard in which he held medical doctors, President George H.W. Bush in 1990 designated an official day of recognition for the members of this profession, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Florida Medical Association is to serve as an advocate for physicians and their patients, to promote the public health, to ensure high standards in medical education, practice, and ethics, and to enhance the quality and availability of health care, and Doctors' Day provides an opportunity for patients and physicians alike to set aside the distractions of today's often-contentious health care environment and focus on the extraordinary calling of medicine, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Association has for many years sponsored the "Doctor of the Day" program, in which, during the regular legislative sessions, both the House of Representatives and the Senate select a volunteer physician to

1 be on duty at the Capitol on the days the legislators are in
2 session, and

3 WHEREAS, over the years, the red carnation has become
4 the symbol of Doctors' Day, denoting the qualities of love,
5 charity, sacrifice, bravery, and courage, and is being worn on
6 this day by physicians and their spouses visiting the Capitol,
7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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9 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
10 Florida:

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12 That the House of Representatives pauses in its
13 deliberations to pay tribute to those physicians wearing red
14 carnations, to their spouses, and to their colleagues
15 throughout the state, and hereby designates Friday, March 30,
16 2001, as "Florida Doctors' Day" in recognition of the selfless
17 service afforded by these dedicated professionals to the
18 people of Florida.

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